

# International trends in nutritionally-related health and their implication for health policy

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#### Abstract:

To establish health policy which will be relevant and effectual for a decade or more, let alone the much longer term, is a challenging task for any period of human or planetary history. Presently it is more so than ever because of major demographic, economic, technological and scientific, climatic and territorial changes and uncertainties. There are various scenarios which might be envisaged for food-health relationships before global population size is expected to stabilize by about 2050, dependent on planetary health. These will reflect achieved food intakes which for many will not be optimal but realizable and food systems with varying degrees of safety, security and sustainability. Health patterns themselves are bound to continue to change from those associated with different levels of economic development to those which have more to do with locality, climate, education and equity. Every aspect of health is in some way intertwined with food and this will become more explicit. Decisions about food-health relationships will take into account the United Nations MDGs (Millennium Development Goals), but be strongly influenced by technology, affordability, sustainability and ethics.

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## Resource Description

### Communication: M

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

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#### Communication Audience: M

audience to whom the resource is directed

Policymaker

#### Exposure: M

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Food/Water Security, Human Conflict/Displacement

Geographic Feature: M

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resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location: M

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

Health Impact: M

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

General Health Impact, Injury, Malnutrition/Undernutrition, Mental Health/Stress, Other Health Impact

Other Health Impact: Well-being

Intervention: M

strategy to prepare for or reduce the impact of climate change on health

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mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

Population of Concern: A focus of content

Population of Concern: M

populations at particular risk or vulnerability to climate change impacts

Elderly, Low Socioeconomic Status

Resource Type: **№** 

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion, Review

Timescale: M

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified